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In re Application of:  
Michael Meek

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sirs:

The applicant hereby respectfully submits a Preliminary Amendment, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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